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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Confirmation No. 2667
Donald A. COOKE, <i>et al.</i>	Art Unit: 2839
Appl. No. 10/605,668	Examiner: Javaid H. Nasri
Filed: October 16, 2003	Atty. Docket: 02708.0156.CNUS01 (New)
For: Bypass Cable Assembly For Use In Optical Fiber Hydrophone Array	021720-61 (Old)

**Petition to Withdraw from Issue
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)(5)**

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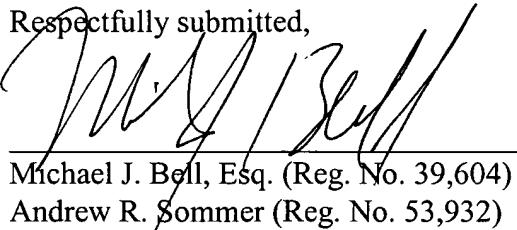
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)(5), Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to withdraw the above-referenced application from issue for further prosecution on the merits to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 filed in connection with a request for in a continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114).

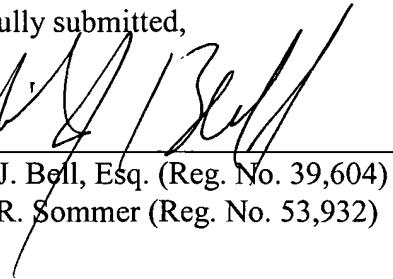
The documents cited in various copending applications pertaining to related subject matter. Specific reference to these copending applications appears in the Information Disclosure Statement, filed herewith. Applicants do not waive any right to appropriate action to establish patentability over any of the documents should they be applied as references against the claims in the continuing application.

The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 08-3038 referencing attorney docket number **02708.0156.CNUS01**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for this purpose.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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